

PATENT
Serial No. 09/873,568
Amendment in Reply to Final Office Action of January 18, 2005

REMARKS

Reconsideration and entry of the present application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 6-9 and 20-22 are allowed. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication that claims 6-9 and 20-22 are allowed. By means of the present amendment, claims 1-5 and 10-19 have been cancel without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. Applicants furthermore reserve their right to reintroduce subject matter deleted herein at a later time during the prosecution of this application or continuing applications.

Further, claim 23 has been amended and new claims 24-25 have been added that include features similar to the allowed claims. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claims 23-25 are in allowable form, and allowance thereof is respectfully requested.

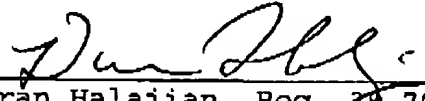
In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

If any informalities remain, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned in order to expedite allowance.

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Respectfully submitted,

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